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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)
Vice President, High Cost Division
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Washington, DC 20005

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification Of Support For
Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Dear Ms. Dortch and USAC:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that, based upon the information available to the Board, the telecommunications carrier included in this letter is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The Board certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (Study Area Code 351338) within Iowa was used in the preceding calendar year (2016) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2018) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹ The Board bases this certification on the individual carrier sworn affidavit filed with the Board.

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¹ 47 C.F.R. §54.314(a) (“*Certification*. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.”).

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This certification letter covers the new study area (351338) assigned to Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association as a result of the transfer of control of the local exchange service areas (Bancroft and Lakota) to Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association from Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, d/b/a Premiere Communications.²

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Jim Langenberg, a member of the Iowa Utilities Board's staff at (515) 725-7327 or e-mail jim.langenberg@iub.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,



Larry Stevens
Utility Specialist

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² See Order Acknowledging Transfer of Control and Approving Transfer of Customers, Recognizing Corporate Name Change, and Issuing Amended Certificate, In re: Docket No. SPU-2016-0006, issued August 31, 2016.